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Filed: October 5, 2001 Confirmation No.: 5365  
For: **Support Arrangement for Semi-Membrane Tank Walls**  
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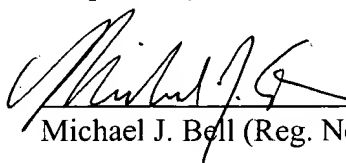
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- 2) *Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111*
- 3) *Return postcard.*

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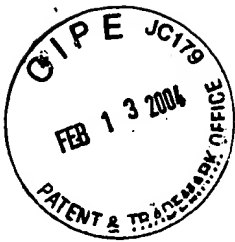
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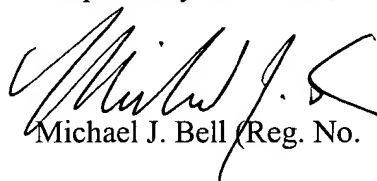
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It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from August 13, 2003 to February 13, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

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